

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph number [0062] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0062] When using the backing plate 13 as a reinforcing material, the ~~blank sheet 18-backing plate 13~~ has an increased thickness. That is, the relationship in thickness is selected to meet $h_1 < h_2$. In a case where the backing plate 13 has a larger thickness than that of the blank sheet 18 and does not have the plural apertures 17, then the relationship is expressed by $Z_1 < Z_2$, the presence of the backing plate 13 disturbs the bending formation of the blank sheet 18. In the case of $h_1 < h_2$, consequently, it is desired to determine the value ($n \cdot d$), namely, the diameter of the aperture 17 and the number of apertures 17, such that $Z_1 = Z_2$ is satisfied. This process corresponds to the step of machining the apertures in the backing plate to meet the characteristic of the blank sheet (i.e., so as to adjust the section modulus (Z₂) of the backing plate 13 relative to the section modulus (Z₁) of the blank sheet 18).